## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: SURVEY NO.: B-4281
AREA: Middle East MAGI NO.: 0442813611

ADDRESS: 632 North Chester Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: 1636 LOT: 26 LOT SIZE: 15 ft. x 86.5 ft.
HEIGHT: 2 MATERIALS: Brick, wood, marble
CONDITION: Good OWNER: Mayor and City Council

ADDRESS:

USE: Vacant commercial

DESIGNATION:

ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted LIBER/FOLIO: Dept. of Law ltr.

HISTORIC NAME: Michael J. Kalista Shoes

DATE: Ca. 1885 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

The two-story brick storefront rowhouse has a center recessed entrance between plate glass display windows with marble facing around the bases. The second story has three window openings with segmental arches ornamented with molded cable brickwork. The two outer windows are boarded, but the center shows one/one window sash which is undoubtedly original. The display windows on the first story are unboarded. The storefront cornice is a simple bracketed type, but the main cornice has brackets and moldings forming fascia panels with carved vent covers.

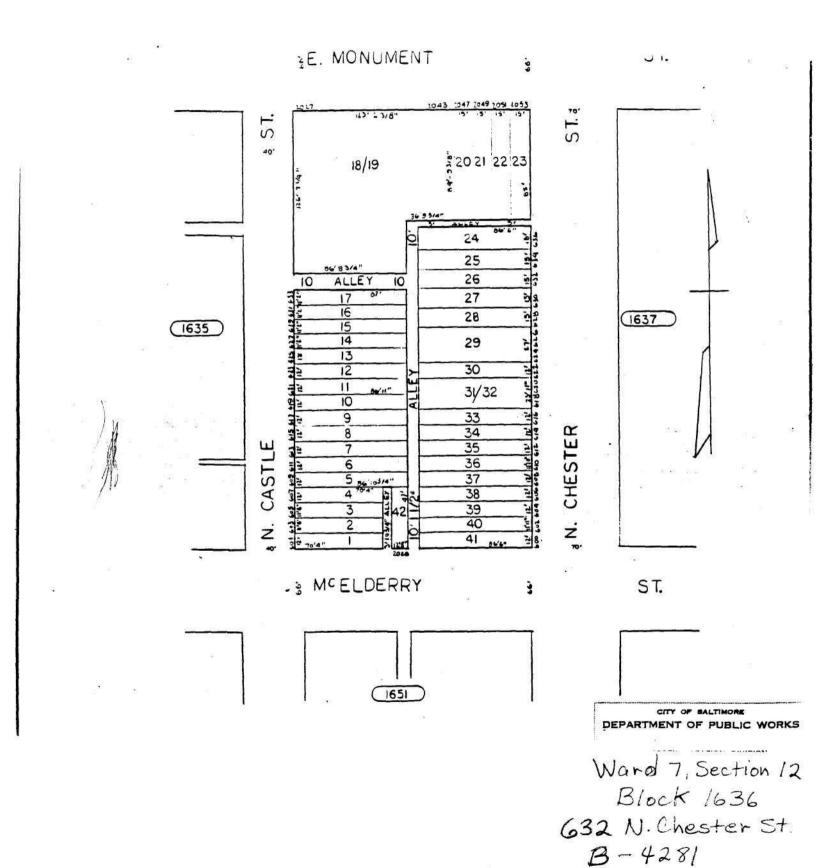
## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

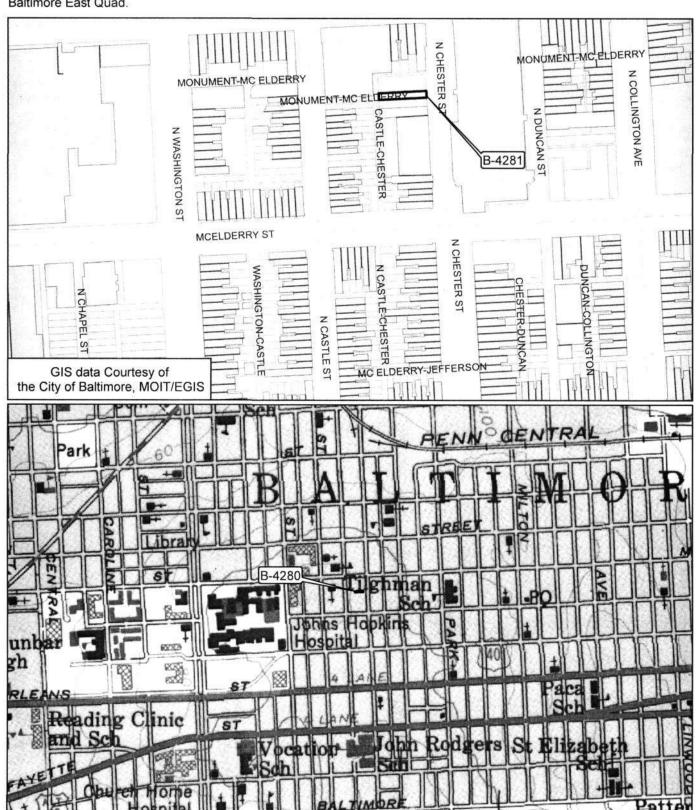
The least altered of all the facades on the west side of the 600 block of N. Chester Street, 632 N. Chester is an excellent example of the late 19th century storefront. Its second story window trim and main cornice are typical of residential rowhouses of the late 1870's through the 1890's. The storefront itself is simple but virtually unaltered from the early 20th century to the present. From 1917 to the mid-1940's, it was used as a shoe store by Michael Kalista. From the 1950's to the mid-1960's, the Salvation Army operated a thrift shop in the building.

SOURCES: Land records; city directories

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet Davis, CHAP, June 1989



B-4281 632 N. Chester Street Block 1636, Lot 026 Baltimore City Baltimore East Quad.





632 N. Chester St. B-4281 Baltimore, Maryland Photographer: Janet Davis Fugust 1988 Nica. loc .: Moryland SHPO East elevation in street scape context